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Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 17, 2004. Without acquiescing to the statements made therein, Applicant(s) hereby elect with traverse the claims of Group I, (claims 1-35 and 41-44) for prosecution in the instant application. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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